communication network called NICNET has already been completed upto District level by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Planning Commission.

(b) Satellite earth stations and computers have already been installed in 450 Districts in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. NIC carried out a pilot scale experiment on Drought Relief Management System in the districts in Tamil Nadu in 1989. A regular Drought and Flood Relief Management System is proposed to be implemented by 1992-93.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Natural Calamities Relief Management System (NCMRS) Unit has been set up at NIC Regional Centre at Bhubaneshwar for national level coordination of relief management on NICNET. The details are as under:

(i) NCRMS is being set up by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) utilising NICNET.

(ii) The basic software on which NCRMS is being developed on NICNET utilises the Distributed Data Base Management System (DDBMS) developed by NIC.

(iii) NCRMS can be applied to the management of relief not only under slow onset hazards like drought and regular floods but also rapid onset hazards like flash floods.

(iv) NCRMS can be used for pre-hazard, during hazard and post-hazard management.

[*Translation*]

Fruit and vegetable based industries in Bihar

1128. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up industries processing coconut, pine-apple, banana, mango, lichi and tomato in Bihar;

(b) if so, the outlines and schemes of the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the action taken in the past to set up fruit and vegetable based industries and the names of the on-going schemes in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not propose to set up any plant for processing of fruits and vegetables. Its policy instead is to assist State Government Undertakings to set up such plants either by themselves or in the joint assisted sector.

(c) M/s. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd., a Government of India Undertaking, has set up a plant at Bhagalpur for processing of fruits. The Government of India has also assisted the Bihar Fruits and Vegetables Development Corporation, which has set up a fruit processing plant at Hazipur, by way of equity and loan.

Food processing industries in Uttar Pradesh

1129. SHRI RAMSAGAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made by the Government for setting up food processing industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up such industries in U.P. so that various agricultural products available there could be utilised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?